

ABSTRACT

5 The invention relates to biological markers of transmissible subacute spongiform
encephalopathies and to uses thereof in diagnostic methods. The invention also relates to
tools and/or kits that can be used for carrying out said methods (reagents, probes, primers,
antibodies, chips, cells, etc.), to their preparation and to uses thereof. The invention can be
used for detecting the presence of an infection in mammals including during the early
10 phase.